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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.312**

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312(a), Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.